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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Petition of Tri-County Telephone Cooperative, Inc., for Extended Area Service
or Extended Community Calling Between the Elewa and Eau Claire Exchanges 5950-TV-100

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION of the petition of Tri-County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Tri-county), to establish extended area service (EAS) or extended community calling (ECC) between its Elewa exchange and the Eau Claire exchange of Ameritech Wisconsin.

On July 12, 2002, the Commission received a letter from Tri-County requesting an investigation of the feasibility of EAS between Elewa and Eau Claire under Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 167. The letter constitutes a request in lieu of a petition in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 167.05(2). The Commission will investigate this matter in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 167. Tri-County also asked that the Commission consider ECC for this route, and that an investigation be conducted in the event that EAS is not approved.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of Tri-County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from Tri-County Telephone Cooperative, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Thomas A. Gross at (608) 267-2337.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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